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PICKERINGTON WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILING TO PAY INCOME TAXES TO THE IRS

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Tina M. Yarish, 52, of Pickerington, Ohio pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court today to one count of willfully failing to pay income taxes to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Yarish faces a maximum of 1 year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office, announced the plea entered into today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Terence P. Kemp.

According to court documents, between 2003 and 2010 Yarish was the sole owner and operator of Benefit Solutions, LLC, a business that generated income for Yarish. Benefit Solutions, LLC, provided employment benefit services to corporations.

In 2011, Yarish sold Benefit Solutions, LLC. The terms of the sale included a \$309,050.57 lump-sum payment to Yarish. Yarish initially filed an individual income tax return with the IRS for the 2011 income tax year on which she omitted the income from the sale of Benefit Solutions, LLC. Yarish subsequently filed an amended individual income tax return with the IRS for the 2011 income tax year on which disclosed the income from the sale of Benefit Solutions, LLC. However, Yarish failed to pay the corresponding income taxes due and owing and the associated late fees to the IRS.

In addition, for the 2003 through 2010 income tax years Yarish filed her individual income tax returns with the IRS and reported all of the income she received from Benefit Solutions, LLC. However, Yarish willfully failed to pay the income taxes due and owing to the IRS. Instead, Yarish used the tax monies to purchase items for her and her family's personal use.

In total, Yarish's total tax loss to the IRS, including penalties and interest, was \$253,317.97.

"The term voluntary compliance means that each of us is responsible for filing a tax return when required and for paying the correct amount of tax," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. "We should not forget that the ultimate victims in tax fraud cases are the honest taxpayers who pay their income taxes each year."

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Peter Glenn-Applegate and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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